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The Federal Grants Alert

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Dear Federal Grant Alert Subscribers:

The Department of Environmental Protection (EPA) has recently released a new round of Brownfields funding grants designed to help local communities assess and clean up contaminated land. The EPA has allocated \$65 million for three different grant programs (more information below), which will be awarded to approximately 200 recipients.

What is a Brownfield?

A brownfield site is defined as property where the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, controlled substances, petroleum or petroleum products, or is mine-scarred land.

About the Grants

There are three different grants being offered by the EPA. Please contact your Marlowe & Company Team Member if you would like assistance applying to these grants. Also, please remember that we will assist your community in obtaining congressional letters of support for your application in order to increase your chances of being selected during the awards process.

Here's what you need to know about the three different grants:

Brownfields Assessment Grant

Funding from this grant can be used to help communities develop inventories of brownfields, prioritizing sites, conducting community involvement activities, and conducting specific site assessment and cleanup planning. There are three different funding categories within this grant:

- Community Wide Assessment - allows communities to assess presence of brownfields across an entire community.
- Site-Specific Assessment - used to assess danger and cleanup options at a specific site.
- Coalition Assessment - one lead applicant applies on behalf of a coalition of municipalities or non-profits.

Deadline: November 28, 2011 at 11:59 pm

Funding:

- Awards are up to \$200,000 for hazardous substances, and \$200,000 for potential petroleum contamination.
- Applicants may combine request for hazardous substances funding and petroleum funding into one proposal if both types of funding will address the same target community.
- Coalitions may apply for up to \$1,000,000 in funding.
- There is NO cost share requirement for this grant.

More Information: <http://www.epa.gov/oswer/docs/grants/epa-oswer-oblr-11-05.pdf>

Brownfields Cleanup Grant

This grant is intended to help communities clean up designated brownfields sites. An applicant must be the sole owner of the site.

Deadline: November 28, 2011 at 11:59 pm

Funding:

- The EPA anticipates awarding an estimated 90 cleanup grants, totaling to \$18 million.
- Individual applicants can apply for up to \$200,000 per brownfield site.
- Cost share requirement for this grant is 20%.

More Information: <http://www.epa.gov/oswer/docs/grants/epa-oswer-oblr-11-07.pdf>

Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Grant

Revolving loan funds (RLF) are generally used to provide no-interest or low-interest loans for brownfields cleanups. An RLF grant recipient must use at least 50% of the awarded funds to capitalize and implement a revolving loan fund. An RLF grant recipient may use no more than 50% of the awarded funds for sub-grants and may not sub-grant to itself.

Deadline: November 28, 2011 at 11:59 pm

Funding:

- A total of eight grants will be allocated.
- Individual municipalities may apply for up to \$1,000,000 in funding.
- There is a 20% cost share requirement with this grant (a \$1,000,000 RLF grant requires a local match of \$250,000).

More Information: <http://www.epa.gov/oswer/docs/grants/epa-oswer-oblr-11-06.pdf>

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